

VA GROUND WATER PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

DEQ 629 East Main Street, Richmond VA

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Meeting Summary: Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Steering Committee members in attendance:

Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality

Howard Freeland, Department of Environmental Quality

Valerie Rourke, Department of Environmental Quality

Rebecca Askew, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

George Harlow, US Geological Survey

Steve Pellei, Department of Health

Jim McKean, Department of Business Assistance

Wyatt Little, Department of Housing and Community Development

Lynn Haynes, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

Rick Hill, Department of Conservation and Recreation

Guests:

Scott Kudlas, Department of Environmental Quality

Dr. Wayne Surles, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Liza Fleeson, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Brent Waters, Golder Associates

Andrea Putscher

Nancy Carr, Virginia Rural Water Association (via conference call)

Agencies not in attendance:

Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Department of General Services/Division of Consolidated Laboratories.

Scott Kudlas, DEQ Office of Water Supply Planning, gave an overview of 9 VAC 25-780 Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Regulations. Points covered included DEQ Goals and Expectations for the new program, financial and technical assistance, and regional planning approaches. Scott noted the two most important goals were to provide adequate, reliable and safe water to citizens in a way that balances the need for environmental protection and provides for future growth AND to establish a comprehensive and continuous planning process for the wise use of our water resources. Regional planning approaches are being encouraged and incentives offered through extended plan submittal deadlines and financial assistance. A Request for Proposals for planning projects was issued in November 2005 resulting in grant awards totaling nearly \$300,000 to assist 10 local and regional government authorities in the development of water supply plans. A second RFP will be issued in early

April with proposals due June 1. For more information visit <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/watersupplyplanning/homepage.html> or call Scott Kudlas at 804-698-4456.

AGENCY UPDATES:

Department of Environmental Quality

Mary Ann Massie, Water Resources Division, reported the addition of new staff in the Office of Ground Water Characterization and the Office of Ground Water Withdrawal Permitting.

Mary Ann is providing input on the EPA Office of Water DRAFT guidance for grants issued in FFY 2007.

Additionally Mary Ann will cooperate with the Virginia Department of Health on another Request for Proposals for wellhead protection implementation projects in early summer.

Valerie Rourke, Water Division, reported the Reclamation and Reuse Technical Advisory Committee continues to meet and is currently addressing Standards of Treatment and Reuse options. She hopes to have a proposed regulation ready by the fall.

Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services

Rebecca Askew reported activities with the General Assembly on the "Dangerous Dog" bill and items related to the avian flu.

Rebecca also provided updates on the 2005-2006 VIRGINIA'S DISASTER DESIGNATIONS as of March 8, 2006. She reported that 49 Virginia localities have been designated a primary disaster area by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture due to drought and high temperatures and 69 Virginia localities have been designated contiguous disaster areas by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture due to drought and high temperatures. If you are interested in the specific localities please contact Rebecca at rebecca.askew@vdacs.virginia.gov

Dr. Wayne Surles, VDACS Office of Pesticide Services, noted his interest in the Committee and associations with other Agencies with ground water protection interests. An invitation to attend future meetings was extended to Dr. Surles and Liza Fleeson.

Department of Housing and Community Development

Wyatt Little reported adoption of their 2006 Community Development Block Grant intended use plan. He noted an overall reduction in federal funding of 10%.

Department of Health

Steve Pelli reported that Wes Kleene has been hired as the Office of Water Programs director. Additionally Chris Adkins has moved to a GIS position within the Department. And Tom Gray reported EPA approval of their intended use plan for the Drinking Water SRF but acknowledged the need for EPA approval to cooperate on an RFP for source water protection implementation projects.

Department of Business Assistance

Jim McKean reported Mike Eisenman is their acting director.

US Geological Survey

George Harlow distributed Scientific Report #2005-1388 Water-Quality Data from Ground- and Surface-Water Sites near Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) and non-CAFOs in the Shenandoah Valley and Eastern Shore of Virginia, January – February, 2004 (Karen C. Rice, Michele. M. Monti, and Matthew R. Ettinger) View the document online at

<http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/pubs/ofr/ofr20051388>

George also distributed Scientific Report #2005-5259 Predicting the vulnerability of streams to episodic acidification and potential effects on aquatic biota in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia (Karen Rice, Frank Deviney, George Hornberger, and James Webb) View the document online at

<http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/pubs/sir/sir20055259>

He stated Professional Paper 1688 Studies of the Chesapeake Bay impact structure : the USGS-NASA Langley corehole, Hampton, Virginia, and related coreholes and geophysical surveys (J. Wright Horton Jr., David Powers, Gregory S. Gohn) View the document online at <http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/pubs/pp/pp1688>

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Rick Hill noted that the DCR representative for future meetings will be Nicole Sandberg. Rick reported on their involvement in many arenas including stormwater and nutrient management regulation changes, distribution of WQIF dollars, AgBMP program changes, tributary strategy development, TMDL implementation projects, and grant administration.

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Lynn Haynes noted Gene Dishner retired effective Nov 1, 2005. Mr. Dishner had been the director since the creation of the agency. The acting director is George P. Willis; the new director of the Division of Mined Land Reclamation is Bradley Lambert. Lynn offered to coordinate a presentation at a future meeting on their electronic permitting system.

Albert Crigger and Nancy Carr, Virginia Rural Water Association, provided the following update. Albert and officials at the Montgomery County PSA have resumed work on a wellhead protection plan. Albert's other systems are surface water based. Nancy is working with fifteen local governments or public service authorities on implementation of wellhead protection programs. Sophistication of protection programs varies from locality to locality.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR 9 a.m. TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006. Daniel Kestner, Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy Electronic Permitting and Mapping, will join us to give an overview of this exciting program.